

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 99-499)**

**PATENT****RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 23 2005****In the Application of:****Chou et al.****Serial No.: 08/903,944****Filing Date: July 31, 1997****For: Production of Transgenic Poinsettia****Examiner: D. Fox****Group Art Unit: 1638****Confirmation No.: 3007**

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 23, 2005**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005.

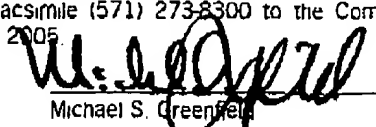
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Date: December 23, 2005

  
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